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BEGIN SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO QUI OFFICIAL, CH' I P' ENG- FEI' S
DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS WERE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO INTERNATIONAL
PROBLEMS CENTERED ON PRC CONCERNS ABOUT THE USSR AND BILATERAL
RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA (DUZER) GAVE A PRELIMINARY
RUNDOWN OF THE RECENT VISIT OF PRC FOREIGN MINISTER,
CH' I P' ENG- FEI, TO PARIS (JUNE 11 TO 14). DUZER HAD NOT
ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS, AND THE FINAL REPORT BASED ON ALL
CONVERSATIONS HAS NOT YET BEEN PREPARED. HIS ACCOUNT
WAS THEREFORE BASED PRIMARILY ON CHI' S CONVERSATIONS WITH
THE QUAI. HE ASKED US TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING VIEWS AS
SENSITIVE, PARTICULARLY UNTIL GOF HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMMUNICATE
THEM TO THE EC 9.

2. INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS. THE GOF/ PRC DISCUSSION OF
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INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS (WHICH WAS DESCRIBED IN THE PRESS AS A TOUR D' HORIZON) WAS, AT PRC REQUEST, BASICALLY LIMITED TO SOVIET PROBLEMS. OTHER INTERNATIONAL MATTERS WERE APPROACHED FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE. FIRST CH' I PRESENTED PRC CONCERN ABOUT EUROPEAN-- AND FRENCH-- RELATIONS WITH USSR AND THEN THE PRC VIEW OF ITS REATIONS WITH THE USSR. THE PRC THOUGHT THAT THE MENACE OF THE USSR TO THE WEST WAS VERY CLEAR; THE SOVIET " PEACE OFFENSIVE" WAS BASICALLY DECEITFUL. CSCE WAS DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE VIGILANCE OF THE WEST, AND MBFR WAS DESIGNED TO CHANGE THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN EUROPE IN THE USSR' S FAVOR. THE PRC MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WISHES THE MAINTENANCE OF U. S. TROOPS IN EUROPE AND FAVORED THE COHESION OF EUROPE (WITHIN THE ATLANTIC FRAMEWORK) WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE STRONGEST MILITARY POSITION VIS- A- VIS THE USSR. THE PRC ALSO WISHED THE RESOLUTION OF EUROPEAN ECO- NOMIC PROBLEMS, AND THE SOLUTION OF MONETARY MATTERS (INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR) IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE WEST. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSED AS ECONOMIC MATTERS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE PRC VIEWED THEM BASICALLY AS POLITICAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE PRC' S SECURITY CONCERNS IN THE LIGHT OF ITS VIEW OF SOVIET INTENTIONS.

3. AS FOR PRC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR, CH' I SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS IN THE BORDER NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE USSR HAD REINFORCED ITS MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN SIBERIA. ACCORDING TO CH' I, THE HEART OF THE MATTER WAS THAT THE USSR WISHED TO DOMINATE CHINA.

4. BILATERAL RELATIONS. AS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS, GOV AND PRC DISCUSSED THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND AGREED TO THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES. WITH THE FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE, CH' I DISCUSSED AN INCREASE IN TRADE AND THE FRENCH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION IN PEKING IN MAY 1974. WITH THE QUAI, CH' I AGREED TO A RADUAL INCREASE IN FRENCH STUDENTS IN CHINA (STILL SET AT 30 FOR SEPTEMBER) AND IN CHINESE STUDENTS IN FRENCH TECH- NICAL SCHOOLS. THEY ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON AN INCREASE IN ARTISTIC EXCHANGES.

5. GOF IMPRESSIONS. CH' I DID ALMOST ALL THE TALKING ON THE PRC SIDE. HE SPOKE MORE FREELY THAN IN THE PAST AND
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WITH GREATER AUTHORITY. THE FRENCH WERE STRUCK BY THE STRONG FEELING WITH WHICH CH' I SPOKE OF THE SOVIET MENACE AND THE OPENNESS WITH WHICH CH' I EXPRESSED PRC CONCERN. GOF THOUGHT THE PRC WAS NOW PUTTING GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE THREAT WHICH THE USSR POSES FOR OTHER COUNTRIES OUT OF A GENUINE CONCERN ABOUT THE DEVELOPING EAST/ WEST DETENTE, WHICH THE PRC CONSIDERS ILLUSORY. CH' I HIMSELF LED THE

CONVERSATION ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY PROBLEMS WITH CONSIDERABLE ABILITY, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE HAD MASTERED THE ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

6. DUZER IMPLIED THAT IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET PROBLEM, THE GOF PRIMARILY LISTENED ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLEAR THAT WHILE SHARING CHINESE SCEPTICISM OF SOVIET AIMS, THE GOF'S VIEWS DO NOT FULLY COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF THE PRC, WHICH SEES NO POSSIBLE BENEFITS FROM A DETENTE.

DUZER SAID THAT THE GOF CONSIDERED THE CONVERSATIONS TO BE MORE FRANK AND EVEN MORE USEFUL THAN THOSE IN THE PAST, PARTICULARLY IN GIVING THE PRC A CHANCE TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS.

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